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SUBJECT: TFFLU01 EL SALVADOR H1N1 UPDATE

¶1. The Government of El Salvador (GOES) has extended its emergency decree in response to the H1N1 Influenza Outbreak to May 18. The country reports four confirmed cases, two probable cases and five suspected cases.

¶2. USAID and SOUTHCOM coordinated the delivery of 5,100 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits to El Salvador, which were presented on May 12 by SOUTHCOM Civilian Deputy Commander Ambassador Trivelli, SOUTHCOM Military Deputy Commander Lt General Spears, Charge and USAID Acting Director to the Minister of Health. The PPE kits include 5,100 masks, which remain in short supply in El Salvador. The PPEs will be delivered to hospitals, clinics and other government health facilities throughout the country. On the same day, the Pan American Health Organization donated 10,000 treatments of tamiflu.

¶3. To date, the total value of USG donations to El Salvador is \$105,800. In response to a GOES request, additional donated items include a national educational campaign that features airport banners, prevention flyers, instructional CDs and DVDs, and TV and radio spots. Post is exploring further financing of additional masks and media messages.

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